



## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP TOPIC SUMMARY

**ADVISORY GROUP:** Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

**MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2020

**Agenda Item:** Amendments to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**Presenters:** Rhonda Sims, Jennifer Stafford and Kevin Hill

### **Summary of Discussion:**

At the end of the accountability discussion at its November 24, 2020 meeting, LSAC members requested a special meeting be held on December 1, 2020 to discuss the accountability regulation further. Members requested more time to review the regulation and gather input from their colleagues on amendments to the accountability regulation.

Rhonda Sims, Jennifer Stafford and Kevin Hill were available during the special called meeting to answer questions, address concerns and listen to comments from LSAC members. Rhonda Sims and Jennifer Stafford began the meeting by sharing recent feedback received from superintendents. Comments and concerns provided prior to the LSAC meeting via email included:

- Removal of student growth in accountability system;
- Renaming transition readiness to postsecondary readiness;
- Minimum n count (some agreed with proposed amendment while others disagreed);
- Concern on using a perception survey for the Quality of School Climate and Safety Indicator which has a proposed 4% accountability weight; and
- Proposed percentages of Overall Accountability Weights for Science, Social Studies and Writing, Postsecondary Readiness and Graduation Rate.

Commissioner Glass addressed the council and informed members that they have the authority to recommend to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) a second read of 703 KAR 5:270, *Kentucky's accountability system*. A second read would allow LSAC members to continue to gather feedback and review the regulation and amendments again in February.

Superintendent Burchett asked for further discussion on the minimum n count. Rhonda Sims provided information on why we have a minimum n count, what is required federally, and what Kentucky has historically used. Jennifer Stafford provided an explanation of the n count in past accountability systems and recommendations in the amendments.

Superintendent Bobrowski asked how many schools would have less than 30 students in a grade level. Kevin Hill was able to share that greater than 99% of schools have more than 30 students with either option under discussion on the minimum N count. Kevin Hill mentioned that the biggest difference with a minimum of 30 is at the high school level and with the State Assessment Results for Science, Social Studies and Writing indicator. With a minimum of 30 per school level, you would have fewer student groups in accountability at the high school level.

Superintendent Cox shared an example of how over 30 students in a group could potentially impact school accountability as they matriculate through the grades.

Superintendent Biggerstaff commented in the chat box that he liked the new recommendation for minimum n count. He was not supportive of a new option that was discussed of 10 per grade and 30 per school.

Superintendent Cochran commented that he would like to see configurations of schools throughout the state of Kentucky. He specifically stated that he has a K-6 school and would like to see how the minimum n count would affect his school along with others in the state. Rhonda Sims said that the Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) could provide that information.

Superintendent Bobrowski requested to see more data on what that minimum n count of 10 and 30 would look like. Rhonda Sims responded that the OAA could provide that information as well.

**Action Taken:**

A motion was made and seconded that the KBE have a second reading on 703 KAR 5:270. The motion was voted on and passed.

**Follow-up Required:**

LSAC members requested that additional materials that have been shared with the KBE regarding the accountability regulation be shared with them. Also, additional data on configuration of schools and the impact of an n count with a minimum of 10 students per grade and 30 total for school was requested.